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Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc.

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The Klaxon is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club, Inc. and is circulated to all club members and other interested clubs. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Daley's Service Center, 2749 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020.

If you wish to contribute articles for publication in the Klaxon please do so by submitting them to the editor Steve Organ. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

Technical and historical questions are encouraged and we'll do our best to get the answers. Questions can be submitted via E-Mail at: Sorgan@themaxwellgroup.org.

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President's Message



Greetings: Here we are at the end of another year and ready to begin a new one. A "Thank You" goes out to my fellow officers for your past service. I am looking forward to the next year full of events with the club.

For the upcoming year, I would like to see more tech sessions at our meetings. If anyone could do a brief talk or demonstration during a future meeting, please let me know.

In case anyone is looking for a material with Model A's on it, or even a shirt or apron, I came across a website that offers these items. Order online at <http://www.modelafabric.com/>

Most of you know that our club is now on Facebook. If you are signed up on Facebook, check us out if you haven't already. This is social media which is another way to advertise our organization. We have contact info posted along with some photos of past events.

Please continue to obtain business card ads for our newsletter and support our advertisers.

See you all on December 6th for our Christmas Party.

Please remember to bring a dish or item to the Christmas Party

Jim

Visit our web site at

www.dvmafc.org

Up Coming Events

12/6/2012—Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthday for December

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

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Some Useful Information

Point Gap	018" - 0.22"
Plug Gap.....	035"
Tire Pressure	35lbs
Oil Capacity	5qts
Transmission	1 pint
Rear Axle	1 1/2 pints
Steering Gear	7 3/4 oz.
Fuel Capacity	
1928-29.....	10 gallons
1930-31.....	11 gallons
Water Capacity	3 gallons
Battery Ground.....	(+)
Firing Order	1,2,4,3
Tappet - Clearance	
Exhaust.....	015"
Intake.....	013"
Fan Belt. (Gates)	No. 700
Head Bolts (Torque).....	55lbs

Winter Storage Tips

It's not that far away. Cold weather is coming and for some people that means sending their old iron into mothballs until the spring thaw. In order to make sure your car comes out of winter storage in the same condition in which it went in, there are some major items to take care of before closing the garage door.

Fuel: top off the tank and include fuel stabilizer, circulating it throughout the system by taking a short drive before putting the car in the garage for the winter.

Cooling: Drain the entire system and the radiator and refill with rust-deterrent antifreeze.

Oil: Change both the oil and the filter and choose a winter oil with corrosion protection.

Battery: Hook it up to a charger or a similar charge-maintaining device for the duration.

Tires: Deflate slightly to take stress off the suspension or, better still, elevate the vehicle on jack stands.

Paint: There's no substitute for that pre-winter bath, complete with a thorough drying and a nice coat of wax. Choose a car cover made of breathable cloth and stay away from plastic that traps moisture and encourages rust. (On any unpainted metal surface, a layer of rust inhibitor is a good idea.)

Vinyl, leather, rubber: In dry climates apply a preservative to the seats, dash, and other interior components to moisturize the material and ward off cracking.

Convertibles: Put the top up for the winter or you run the risk of shrinkage during extended periods of storage.

Finally, you're not setting up a winter hostel for varmints and insects. Your best defense is mothballs – and plenty of them – inside the car and under the dash. Don't forget to cover the tailpipe or you're just leaving the back door open.



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2 member's cars were entered in the show with 1,600 other cars—Joe Weldon with his 1973 Chevy—Historic Preservation Award and Steve Organ—Junior Award—1914 Ford Model T.

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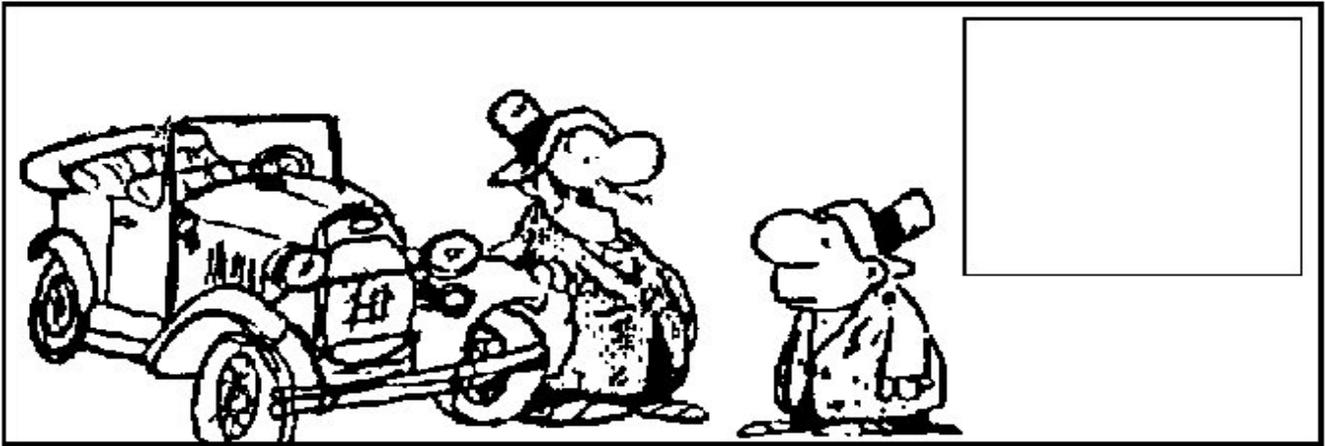
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ATTENTION: We have a contest. Fill in the caption on the cartoon and receive a special prize at the next meeting. Entries need to be mailed by 12/31/2012 to the Editor. The decision of the Editor and his Wife are final. In case of a tie the names will be put in a hat and the winner will be selected . Winner announced at the January 3, 2013 Meeting



It's that time of year again!

Dues are now due. Please complete the enclosed form, updating any information and mail it to:

Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club—c/o Don O'Hara
8717 Star Dust Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19136

We need the information along with your \$15.00 dues (except Life members) so we can get the new 2013 Roster done



Henry Ford Quote of the Day

"There is one rule for the industrialist and that is: Make the best quality of goods possible at the lowest cost possible, paying the highest wages possible."

WARNING FROM SHELL OIL COMPANY

MUST READ, EVEN IF YOU DON'T OWN A CAR

Safety Alert!

Here are some reasons why we don't allow cell phones in operating areas, propylene oxide handling and storage area, propane, gas and diesel refueling areas.

The Shell Oil Company recently issued warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fuelling operations

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fuelling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fuelling their car.

You should know that: Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fuelling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (i.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...)

TO sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your cell phone – leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fuelling.

Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of 'static electricity' at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires. His results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.

- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started, as a result of static.
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) *Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.*
- 5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.
- 8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fuelling began.

NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door **TOUCHING THE METAL**, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

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What Gasoline is Best for my Car?

Question: Is gas just gas? I have Shell, American, Mobile and Sunoco, and all the other stations such as BJ's, Coastal and so on. Shell states that its gas is nitrogen enriched. Mobile states that theirs has detergent and the list goes on and on with these so called additives. What's to believe? Is it a joke, marketing ploy or whatever? Which gasoline should I use?

Crude oil is obviously being sourced from the same place throughout the world and gasoline is produced from oil in essentially the same way throughout the world. And any minor differences in the raw gasoline stock are eliminated when the production from different refineries are mixed together in immense tanks at common distribution points.

By the time gasoline reaches the consumer however, there are some notable differences. These differences stem from the ways in which different grades of gasoline are blended and, more importantly, what additives are mixed with the gasoline to change its properties. Different brands do use different additive packages to some extent. The Federal Government mandates the inclusion, and the exclusion, of certain additives that relate to emissions, fuel economy, and irrational and unjust political machinations, but beyond these legal requirements the oil companies are free to formulate their additives as they wish. Of course, all of the companies are working within the same framework, namely the laws of physics, chemistry and so on, so from that perspective they are all trying to accomplish similar goals in different ways.

So, with all of this as background information, I can't tell you whether one specific brand is better than the rest.

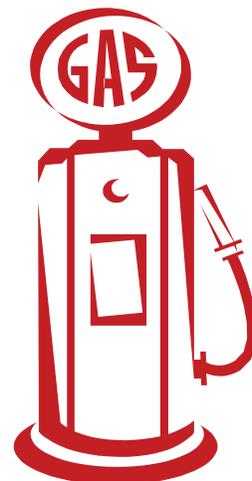
I can, however, make some general recommendations about gasoline:

First, I do recommend buying major name brands instead of no-name or off-brands because you can be confident that major brands have a more complete additives package.

Second, when possible, buy from stations that sell a lot of gas because this helps ensure that their stock is fresh.

And, third and perhaps most importantly, listen to what your car tells you about the gasoline you are using. If the engine runs well and doesn't ping, and the spark plugs don't get fouled, then the gasoline you're buying is good.

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Fun Ford Trivia

So you think you know your Ford Trivia? Have a go at these questions. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. What was the name of the make of the car Ford produced from 1957-59 that was a financial failure?
2. Name the type of engine invented by Ford at the age of 15?
3. Name the only car that outsold the Ford Model T?
4. By 1923, what percentage of American automobiles were built by Ford?
5. In what year did Ford incorporate the Ford Motor Company?
6. In 1914, what did Ford begin paying his employees, which nearly doubled the wages offered by other manufacturers?
7. What was the name of Ford's first car design, which was built in 1896?
8. On what day and year, did production end for the Ford Model T?
9. On January 13, 1942—Henry Ford patented what?
10. In 1932—Henry Ford introduced his last engineering triumph—Name it?

Did You Know??



- ⇒ **There are more plastic flamingos in the US than real ones!**
- ⇒ **A sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 MPH!**
- ⇒ **Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours!**
- ⇒ **More Monopoly money is printed in a year, than real money printed through the world!**
- ⇒ **You will eat about 35,000 cookies in your lifetime!**
- ⇒ **A person uses approximately fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day!**



Fun Trivia Answers: 1. Edsel 2. Steam 3. The Beetle 4. Fifty Percent 5. 1903 6. \$5.00 per day 7. Quadricycle 8. May 27, 1927 9. A Plastic Automobile 10. His "en block" or one piece



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Member's Spotlight



**Ruth Pecarsky &
Pete Slusser's
1929 Rumble Seat Roadster**

I have admired this Rumble Seat Roadster every year for something like ten years when it was entered in the Bristol Mill Street Car Show. Mr. Joseph Di Milieo, former owner of Cameo Kitchens in Bristol, owned this car for approximately 23 to 24 years. He said it was restored by a doctor who resided in Morrisville, PA, just prior to him purchasing it.

In May 2010, it was again in the Mill Street Car Show and we energetically asked Joseph Di Milieo if he ever wanted to sell it, that we would be extremely interested in purchasing it. We very expressively told him that we would take exceptionally great care of the car because we understood that he cared so much for it.

Early in October of 2010, Di Milieo called two different times to discuss the sale and on November 2, 2010 we purchased the car. Ruth and I have enjoyed driving it and have also entered it in a few car shows; it has won first place and best in show a number of times. We are exceptionally happy with it and look forward together to enjoy it for a long time.

